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ALL-COUNTY INFORMATION NOTICE I-41-79

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS
ALL DISTRICT ATTORNEYS
ALL TITLE IV-D AGENCIES

Attachments - see Publications

July 1978 - Sept 1978

SUBJECT: CHILD SUPPORT MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEM QUARTERLY REPORT

REFERENCE:

Attached is the first Child Support Management Information System Quarterly Report. As a starting point, we can agree that a program management objective for all levels of government must be the development of common, uniform, and meaningful measures of performance to evaluate effectiveness, efficiency, and equity. The Child Support Management Information System gives us the data necessary to develop these performance measures with you and to communicate our success.


The Child Support Management Information System was designed, developed, and implemented during 1978. The system combines several fiscal and statistical reports into a comprehensive statewide data base for state and county program management. This information is essential in determining where changes for improvements in the program can be made, the proper allocation of resources, and the potential for transferring techniques and strategies for successful program management.

The Child Support Quarterly Report is comprised of data reported by District Attorney Family Support Divisions on the CS850, Monthly Statistical Report on Child Support Enforcement Activities, the CA356 Child Support Administrative Claim, and the CS805 Child Support Staffing Report, and by the Department of Social Services Child Support Accounting Unit for child support incentive payments. A supplemental report comprised of data reported by County Welfare Departments on the CS800, Summary Report of Child Support Payments will be released in the future. Since inclusion of the distribution information reported by County Welfare Departments would cause approximately a three-month delay in the release of the quarterly Report, it is anticipated that supplemental reports for county welfare department information will continue to be used in the future. This procedure will assure that the management information on District Attorney IV-D operations is received while it is still recent and applicable to current operations.

It is expected that with the Child Support Management Information System, reports will be published not later than sixty days after the end of the report period, provided counties submit their reports on time. Thus, the effectiveness of this report in providing recent information for management purposes is directly dependent upon county cooperation in submitting timely reports.

Comments, criticism, and suggestions for additional report tables to meet county management information needs should be addressed to Bob Wildman, Child Support Management Bureau, 744 P Street, Mail Station 19-19, Sacramento, CA 95814.

Sincerely,



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Director

Attachment